

FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS--A LITTLE TRIBUTE TO ONE WHO NEVER LIVED A LIE

(BY H. D. S.)

HENRY L. Capell, who died Thursday morning, was the oldest employee on the El Paso Herald in length of service. For 26 years he had attended to business daily and in all that time he never chose to take more than one or two brief vacations. He was generally the first man in the office of a morning, and until the last few years he was one of the very last to leave.

Though he was 63 years old, "Cap" as everybody knew him, was one of the youngest and heartiest of us. Always in splendid health, even up to the day he was stricken with his fatal illness, no one could have foreseen that he would so soon be going away. He took excellent care of himself always, lived an exemplary life, almost ascetic, and gloried in his physical resistance.

"Cap" took the keenest interest in life. For many years, until he moved into a distant suburb, he was most active in the lodges, in which he attained high office. He valued lodge work, and was loyal always to its highest ideals and aims. "Cap" had a friendly and loving heart, and those who knew him best, most deeply respected and loved him. His manner was sometimes a little brusque, and sometimes the public, coming into contact with him over the office counter or the telephone, failed to understand him at his true worth. But in his heart he was a lover of his kind, and attached friends to himself by hooks of steel.

He was a man of vigorous thought, extreme inde-

pendence, and sound opinions. National and international affairs interested him greatly, and in the early days he was quite active politically. In his latter years he retired more and more from public connections, and lived rather isolatedly in his own suburban home, quite alone. He did not seek, nor was he averse to, the society of women, but he seemed to recognize no need for that element in his life.

Some years ago, "Cap" had a distressing experience which gave him a serious physical shock from which he never fully recovered, though his general health continued good. He was climbing the Franklin mountains one Sunday with several of his "boys" of the Herald carrier force, when he fell and hurt himself badly. He was far from the city, and night was coming on. One of the boys, Elbert Murphy, now dead, carried him a long way on his back, and another, Leslie Reed, after carrying him far, then went for assistance. "Cap" never forgot the kindness of these boys, and in his will he made Leslie his executor, in token of the trust he had in him. The injury confined Mr. Capell to the house for many weeks, but he finally seemed to recover his old energy and confident health. The final stroke came suddenly, without any warning.

"Cap's" personal life was clean, moral, and upright in every way. In the early days of The Herald he was business manager and conducted the various business departments. Then he became manager of city circulation, and in the capacity he will be remembered by most people who knew him. In later years he gave over that branch of the work to others, and became cashier and assistant business manager and treasurer. In that capacity he was as honest and trustworthy as the time he spent on the United States treasury vaults, and

his faithfulness became a maxim around the office. If "Cap" was on the job, everybody knew that the interests of the concern would be safeguarded minutely.

The memory of this man will live in the lives, especially, of hundreds upon hundreds of boys, and of "boys" who are now grown men, active in business and professional life here and elsewhere, the world over. As circulation manager, "Cap" early introduced the practice of employing almost none but high school boys as route carriers. These boys came under his direct personal instruction and supervision. Changes took place from year to year as the boys grew up and took their places in the world, but on the whole the employment was as perpetual as the boys cared to make it, so long as they did their whole duty by themselves and by their employer.

When "Cap" began his work with The Herald, one carrier was the "crew." Soon it was necessary to double the force. When the present proprietors took hold, nearly 18 years ago, there were four route carriers. Today there are half a hundred. During the nearly quarter century that "Cap" conducted this department, many hundreds of boys passed under his influence and tutelage, practically all of them in the high school at the time, and all at their most impressionable age.

Today "Cap's Boys" might form a club with members in almost every part of the world and in almost every line of business and profession. Many of El Paso's foremost citizens in active life today are among "Cap's Boys" and in practically every case they have made good. As years passed, and the number of boys passing under Mr. Capell's splendid training increased, The Herald's carrier route system gained recognition locally as a great school of business. Parents of growing boys sought to "enter" their boys in this remarkable school,

and there was always a long waiting list of boys anxious to get in.

Every boy who passed through that school will testify to the splendid training he received there. "Cap" was strict as a martinet in business affairs, but "his boys" were not. Accounts must be reconciled, reports must be prompt, and accurate, the paper must be delivered regularly and on time, complaints must be followed up, satisfaction must be given to subscribers. Many times the boys "bought" they were being abused when they were made to go out late in rain or snow, or plod through the muddy ways, to deliver a "missed" paper or follow up a slow collection. The slightest tinge of dishonesty, or of carelessness approaching dishonesty, on the part of any individual brought such quick retribution, such contemptuous denunciation, that many a boy got his first real "straightening up" from "Cap" in an office interview. But through it all he was the loyal and loving friend of "his boys"; through thick and thin he loved them and they loved him, and they love him yet, and his memory. In far continents and distant states the news of his passing will bring grief, and here at home many a trusted executive in "big business," many a professional man of highest standing, will feel a lump in his throat when he reads of the going away of his old friend.

What man would care to leave a finer heritage than this? He gave of himself in unstinted measure, to help youth to find itself and to head straight in the way to useful, pure, and upright life. His influence was invariably for good, and what he did for others will live in their hearts forever.

Goodbye, "Cap"--may your rest be as serene as the wide plains and quiet mountains whose changing lights and shadows you loved to watch, and whose solitudes you made to sing with the secrets of your white soul.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

Charity as a rule furnishes too much amusement in this wicked world.--New York American.

We have looked over the list of the members of the new Greek cabinet, but we do not seem to recognize any of them.--Dallas (Texas) Times-Herald.

"Stunning simplicity" is said to characterize the new millinery. The stunning end comes in when the Old Man gets the bill.--Amarillo (Texas) Panhandle.

The front is reported to be on the pumpkin in the east, but the thing that worries us here in California is that gasoline is up two cents a gallon.--San Bernardino (Calif.) Sun.

It is hardly probable, however, that Mrs. Galt accepted the president on condition that he would endorse the cause of votes for women.--Kansas City Journal.

In politics, in school affairs and in promoting laws for the broader education of women for public life, the women have become a power to be reckoned with at all times.--Mexico (Atlix) Tribune.

With everybody busy and good prices being offered for farm products it begins to look as if we were to come in for some of the prosperity we have been reading about.--Big Springs (Texas) Herald.

When the daughter of the selected victim and a beautiful and tactful widow conspire to matrimonially "string" even a president, it is needless to say there is no way of escape for him.--Houston (Texas) Post.

Possibly also, president Wilson wanted to do something to take public attention away from the terrible war. To take to a certain extent he has actually succeeded.--Chickasha (Okla.) Normal.

He put it on the best of authority that the statement to the effect that our old friend Gen. Frank Villa carries a habit wherever he goes is a base slander originated by enemies to turn his unswerving followers against him.--New Orleans States.

\$46,000,000 Valuation Means a \$1.70 Rate; Fraternal Orders and Hospitals Are Assessed

IF the assessed valuations of the city go as high as \$46,000,000, I believe we will be able to get a tax rate of \$1.70 on the \$100 valuation," said alderman R. B. Stevens, chairman of the finance committee, at the close of the board of equalization session Wednesday afternoon. "We probably cannot reach that low rate if the assessed tax rate is made 50 cents, but we have hopes that this rate for schools will not be necessary. I am certain that if we include in our valuations fraternal societies, hotel dues and other institutions subject to taxation but heretofore left exempt, our valuations this year will run to \$46,000,000, and it is very probable that they will be included."

"I am very much gratified at the result of the road bond election," said Seth Orndorff, county commissioner from Socorro. "With the \$300,000 we can make a good start on a permanent road system in El Paso county. It is the purpose of the court to get the very best results for our money and we will start at once to make an investigation of materials with that end in view. We trust that there will be no delay in selling the bonds and in setting matters in shape for actual construction, and hope to have the work well under way early in the new year."

"There are no evidences of business depression in El Paso that can be seen," said J. P. Caulder, of El Paso. "The city strikes me as being very prosperous and very progressive. Our section also is prospering. El Paso county is producing some great crops despite the fact that it is in what is known as the dry-farming section of Colorado. The state at large has made good crops this year and farmers everywhere will make money."

"It is a matter of genuine regret to the boy who one time worshipped the tattooed man in the side show to know that tattooing is gradually ceasing to be a fine art," said Gene Harris. "There was a time when men regarded it as something nobler than a mere business. One was not stamped with a poster which looks like the tower of Babel or the Jewel Tower of the El Paso rate. But the dye was pumped into the skin with broad strokes of a needle. A decent tattoo put a man in the hospital and to be a circus success was the same as walking a plank or being hanged and then pained in the back. Now it is a matter of a few moments to be a full fledged Indian print. No longer does the salt of the sea bear his arms and breast to the spray while the cook draws dragons and anchors and confuses along his ribs and muscles; no longer is there any distinction between the man who won his Venuses and clasped hands and pierced hearts while smiling over the sea and the tattoo of the side alley. The electric piano and the electric tattoo trans-marched in together. And now both of them are only two doors removed from the police court."

"All of the fires recently have been from gasoline--either in stoves or from mistaking of gasoline to be coal oil," said chief John Wray. "And as cool weather comes on there will be more fires from this very source unless more care is exercised. In one case that occurred during the week the woman ordered coal oil and received gasoline. The top of the can was removed while the can stood in the pantry. A match was struck, the head fell into the can and there was a conflagration. A second had come from gasoline. A woman was a woman who filled her stove with gasoline when the store calls for coal oil. The result was a general blow-up. These kind of things can be minimized."

ABE MARTIN



Mr. Dudley Tanager took in the Fayette county fair today, renewing many old acquaintances and making a number of new ones. It seems like when a couple of chums get ready to settle down they allus marry girls that can't see one another with a periscope.

If people are careful in what they buy, dealers in what they sell, and everybody having a gasoline stove careful to see that it is free of leaks and well cleaned before lighting."

"The average man spends about \$10 a month for smoking," said F. W. Still. "That is a conservative estimate. During cigarettes and moderately priced cigars. Smokers who only use a higher grade of the weed run up a smoke bill of about \$15 a month. This, of course, varies but is a fair estimate of money smoked up for each smoking man."

"There would be little need for lawyers in the collection of overdue accounts," said A. S. Jacobs. "If merchants extending credit used care at

the opening of a new entry in their ledgers, instead of going at it sup-shod. With a uniform method of asking for references and a reliable rating reference handy, the proper application of common sense and ordinary first principles of care should safeguard the business man through good times and bad."

"El Paso sure looks good to me," said secretary M. A. Frazer, of the chamber of commerce. "I have been in Denver with the valley exhibit of agricultural products for over a fortnight, and I worked hard. Everybody treated me like a regular fellow in all respects, and I enjoyed the bustle of it. But take it from me, El Paso feels good once more."

14 YEARS AGO TODAY

From The Herald of This Date, 1901.

Mayor R. F. Hammett has returned from Parrot, a small town in the Sheldons, is back from Dallas. James Halstead left for San Pedro, Mex., to look after some mines there. Charles Stevens, the well known real estate man, has returned from Maine with his family.

Mrs. A. Tachlock and daughter, Mary, left for Anthony, N. M., where Miss Mary will teach.

Mrs. W. K. Gardner and Miss Nina Gardner, of Tuleta, spent today shopping in El Paso.

L. Fenchler came up today from the Sierra Madre country with the cattle he went down for.

Mrs. W. M. James left this morning for Veracruz, Mex., where she will spend several weeks with friends.

Frank D. Smith, the former business partner of W. C. Williams (King Wil-

Ham), has returned from an eastern tour. A. V. Barber, the artist who has been connected with El Paso newspapers for the last year, has gone to New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Amosett are on their way to El Paso to make this city their home. Mr. Amosett coming here to go into business.

The members of the Santa Maria Rod and Gun club were notified today that a meeting in the El Paso rooms of special significance is to be held shortly.

William McLeese, who is doing some of the well boring for the government at Fort Bliss, left for that place this morning, after spending a day in El Paso.

John Connors this morning, acting under board of health instructions, removed an old landmark of El Paso when he superintended tearing down the ancient two-room house which has been the harbor for tramps at the corner of Mesa avenue and Missouri street.

URGES MID-WEST CITIES TO CONSIDER DEFENCE MEASURES

Davenport, Ia., Oct. 14.--A two day mid-west conference on preparedness opened here at noon today with a luncheon at which senator W. S. Kenyon, of Iowa, and others spoke. "Buffalo, Cleveland and Chicago would not be immune from the attack of hostile armies, should we become engaged in a foreign war," said W. M. Lewis, secretary of the navy league, in his address.

"Although farther from the border, you people of the middle west must not feel too secure. The border once pierced, it would not take long for a veteran army to reach you."

Gas Meter Is the Munchausen of Mechanism Is Called "Inaccuracy Protected By a Patent"

By GEORGE FITCH.

THE gas meter is to mechanism what Baron Munchausen is to literature. It is inaccurate protected by a patent. It is also the nearest approach to perpetual motion yet discovered. Leave a gas meter absolutely alone in a deserted house for months at a time and it will work quietly but faithfully without stopping even for meals.

The gas meter is used by gas companies to prove that the consumer has been burning his lights all night and has been sending up balloons from the roof. It is a small box with face and hands like a clock. Here the resemblance stops, however. You cannot turn the meter back and it does not run down. It does you no good to neglect the gas meter. It keeps on going anyway. The man who will patent an attachment which will enable a man to stop his gas meter by forgetting to wind it will earn the gratitude of all mankind.

The gas meter brings light to the home, lightness to the pocketbook and aviation to the temper. Like the Bible, it is always causing trouble by being read from different standpoints. The only difference between a theological conference and the office of a gas company on the first of the month is the fact that the language used in the conference is used backward in the gas office. A man may be able to read



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Greek, Latin and Sanskrit at sight, but he will find for all that that he can't read as much gas out of his meter by several hundred feet as the man in overalls who gets into the house

through the all-cock on unknown occasions and reads the dials in the dark. Only men of romantic and imaginative dispositions are successful in the meter reading business.

Meters are very strongly made and it is almost impossible to bias their judgment even with an ax. The confidence of a gas company in its meters is one of the most touching examples of perfect faith in the world. If a gas meter reports the use of 11,000 feet of gas while the family has been in Europe, the president of the gas company will not only accept its statement without question, but he will endeavor to place it in the home of some other family which is going to Europe. More than one gas magnate has had serious doubts about the truthfulness of George Washington, but he never doubts a meter until it fails to register anything. Then it is brought in to be repaired.

Gas meters have much influence on American families. They have made more people go to bed earlier than all the teachers of all the ages. They have broken up more courtesies than any other thing. They also exercise a discriminating influence over literature. It takes a good story indeed to hold a gas meter late at night while the cellar below the gas meter is steadily clicking its way towards a record-breaking gas bill--Protected by The Adams Newspaper Service.

to protect themselves from their savage neighbors. Then night was right without any money for court proceedings. Inasmuch as our law does not prevent our neighbor from taking our life, or punish him for so doing, would we not be better off if we let the law be as our ancestor protected himself against his walking neighbor with a stick, could not we, with a high power rifle, protect ourselves against our motoring mad-cap? We would at least return to the days of an "even break."

Is there nothing that can be done for these mad, motoring maniacs, who make our highways more dangerous than our wars?

Geo. W. Kyes.

COME ON BUSINESS.

From The Cloudcroft, Cloudcroft, N. M.

The Cloudcroft recently asked the El Paso chamber of commerce why their trade excursions never come to Cloudcroft. The Herald copied this editorial and answered it by giving the piece the following heading: "Come On There All Summer." Yes, that is true. You come here all summer, but you come then for pleasure, and the best men of Cloudcroft are too busy then seeing that you get what you want that they are taken care of and that you enjoy yourselves so that when you go it will be with the thought of a summer vacation well spent. Come up to see us after the summer season is over, come to see us when you are not thinking of pleasure but of getting business, when we of the mountains are harvesting and shipping and when the business man will realize what the territory he draws his trade from really has in the way of resources.

SPANISH CLASSES BEGIN.

The Spanish class of the Young Men's Christian association will meet at the Young Men's Christian association building tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The class will be held twice a week, on Monday and Thursday nights, and will be taught by Mrs. Alice McSpadden.

A dollar saved by buying goods produced elsewhere is a dollar thrown at your neighbor's birds.

LETTERS TO THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

RECKLESS DRIVING.

Editor El Paso Herald:

Captain J. M. Smith is dead. After 77 years of a life of activity, much of which was fraught with many dangers, he has left us. He served with distinction through our civil war. He also served with troops guarding wagon trains of the early settlers through the country of the hostile Indians. He served 15 years as customs inspector on the Mexican border.

However, the brave face of Capt. Smith was not in the least marred by the fact that he was a man of death. The murderous Indian could not creep upon Capt. Smith without being met by a bullet.

Worthy as they were, they were not as dangerous as our modern "civilization." Those were the days of an "even break."

But now the man who walks must look always for his neighbor who rides. There is a law to punish him who takes the life of his neighbor, but what if it is an accident? There are only two persons participating and one is dead.

We read of three deaths in our streets in one day. We wonder who will be the next. Some of us must cross the street at every corner, but we cannot have a policeman at every corner. Who will protect us if we cannot protect ourselves? He who can pay a fine for reckless driving need not wait for us to get out of the way. It will injure his car to run us down.

The patrol ambulance will pick up our bodies and our friends will bury us. The same kind Providence which sends to it that he who rocks the boat is seldom drowned, looks after him who leaves a trail of blood behind his automobile. "The driver was uninsured," is too often the newspaper report.

Our forefathers left their caves armed with a stick or a stone ax with which

THE HORSE

THE horse is sliding off the map, his friends at last admit it; he'll hang around a while, haystack, but soon he'll have to quit it. For he's propelled by gasoline increase each day in numbers, and Dobbin leaves this earthly scene for his eternal slumbers. When autos drove him from the paws of hunting towns and cities, we said, "He's found his urban grave, which is a thousand pities; but on the farms he'll have a place, till farms are frozen over; along the furrows there he'll chase, and fill himself with clover." But now, alas, he doesn't rank with agriculture's factors; the farmer draws upon the bank, and buys some big steel tractors; and one of these will haul six plows, as through a field it lumbers. The horses see it as they browse, and know they are back numbers. They're shipping now our foaming steeds across the briny water, for Europe needs them where she bleeds and wades around in slaughter. To turn them to the butchers loose--that plan no one indorses; but it's about the only use that's left, just now, for horses.

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WALT MASON.

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H. D. Slater, editor and controlling owner, has directed The Herald for 17 years. J. C. Wilmarsh is Manager and G. A. Martin is News Editor.

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